(c) whether any study has been conducted in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Introduction of a Rajdhani Express between Bangalore and New Delhi to supplement the existing services will require heavy investments on upgradation of track, signalling etc.

Flying clubs

*128. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the 'Analysis' published in the Hindustan Times on September 16, 1986, regarding the deteriorating condition of the flying clubs' in the country; and

(b) If so, what is Government's reaction thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the condition of the flying clubs so as to save as assured feeder channels for India's aviation services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). It would not be correct to state that the condition of all the Flying Clubs in the country is deteriorating. A few Flying Clubs, no doubt face financial difficulties and problems of non-availability and unserviceability of trainer aircraft as well as inadequate availability of suitably qualified and experienced Instructors.

Taking into consideration the escalation in the cost of flying operations, the Government has recently raised the rate of subvention to flying clubs from Rs. 240/- to Rs. 294/- per hour.

The Aero Club of India has also been given a grant-in-aid for the acquisition of trainer aircraft and accessories to be allocated to various Flying Clubs in the country.

For imparting training to commercial pilots, the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi is being established at Fursatganj in Uttar Pradesh as a centre of excellence in flying. The Akademi is expected to provide feedstock to meet the requirement of pilots for the aviation services in the country.

Combination of Phenylbutazone and Oxyphenbutazone

*129. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have restricted the use of Phenylbutazone and Oxyphenbutazone and their combinations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these drugs are easily available over the counter in multifarious combinations;

(c) whether it is a fact that such combinations lead to side effects like Gastro-intestinal perforation, activation of peptic ulcers, Hypothyroidism, toxic hepatitis etc; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preparations of these drugs are required to be sold only against the prescription of a registered medical practitioner.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Manufactures of these drugs have been directed to incorporate precautions and contra-indications in the package inserts and promotional literature of these drugs.

Rail accidents involving Saryu Express and Sabarmati Express

*130. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister fo RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some persons were killed when bogies of 426 DN. Saryu Express derailed near Piparpur on Sultanpur-Pratapgarh section of the Northern Railway, recently;

(b) whether a number of persons were killed and several others injured when the engine and some bogies of 166 UP Sabarmati Express rammed into some wagons near Tajpur station of Ujjain division, recently;

(c) if so, what is the number of persons killed and those injured in each of these accidents;

(d) what is the outcome of the inquiries made into these rail accidents stating the action taken by Government and whether any sabotage is suspected;

(e) what is the number of rail accidents since January, 1986 till date stating the number of deaths and how do the figures compare with the rail accidents during the corresponding period in 1985; and

(f) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent such mishaps and to make the rail travel safer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The number of persons killed and injured in these accidents is as under:-

Accident to	Deaths	Injuries
426 DN Saryu Expss.	3	5
166 UP Sabarmati Express	19	50

(d) Both the accidents are being enquired in to by the Commissioners of Railway Safety and their reports are awaited. Prima facie, sabotage is not suspected in either of the accidents.

(e) Number of train accidents from January to October 1986 and corresponding period of 1985 as also casualties in these periods were as under:

	January to October		% age on Variation
	1986	1985	
(i) No. of accidents	545	701	(—)22 2
(ii) No. of deaths	211	269	(—)22 0